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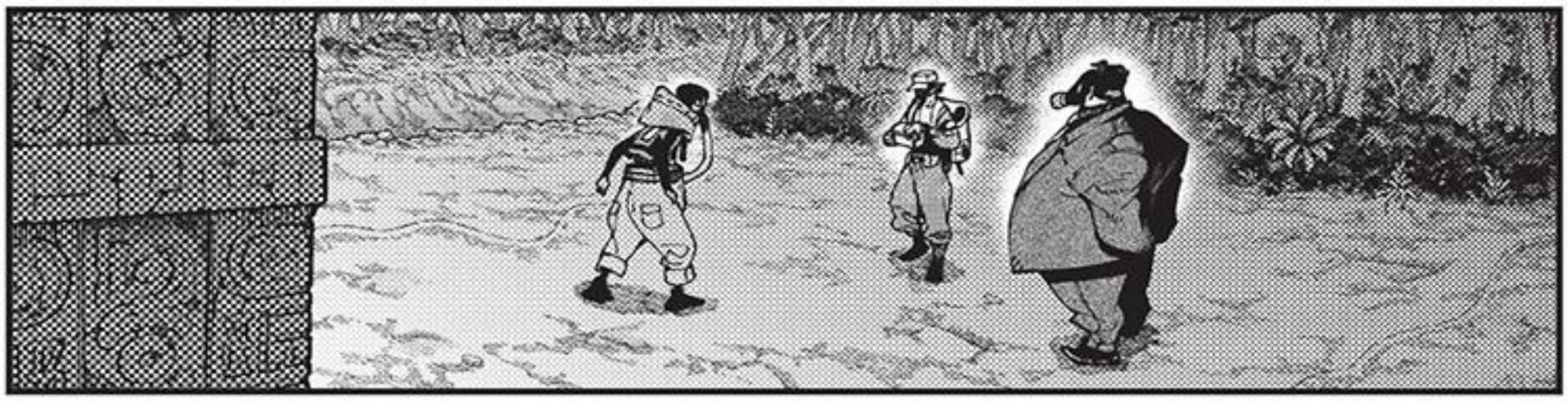
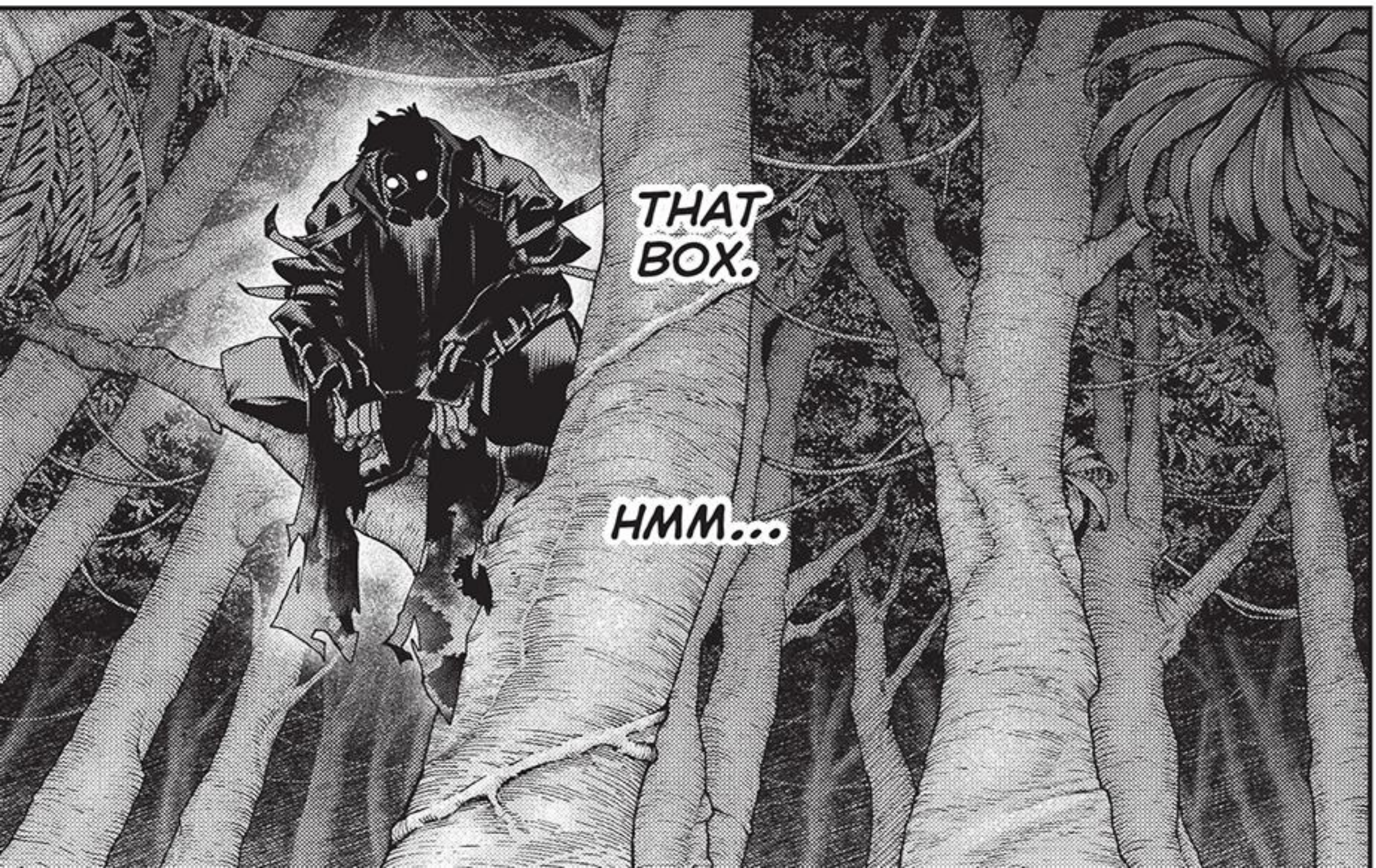


...SO THAT'S WHAT THE INFORMATION BROKER WAS AFTER.


THAT BOX.
HMM...

# CHAPTER 104: THE BOX

...WHAT IS THE TRASH BEAST GUARDING...?

IF NOT- THE BOX...

NOR DOES IT REACT TO RUDO HOLDING THE BOX.

BASED ON ITS MOVEMENTS, IT'S ONLY TRYING TO GET RID OF WHOEVER GETS ITS ATTENTION.

ITS BOX HAS BEEN STOLEN, BUT THE TRASH BEAST...

...DOESN'T REACT TO IT.

...

RUDO...!

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO USE THAT BOX? WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

...

FOLLO THINKS THE BOX CAN'T BE TRUSTED.

KURO ONLY CARES ABOUT WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX...

...

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I KNOW YOU WANT INFO, BUT THIS SMELLS LIKE TROUBLE!!

IF YOU NEED SOMETHING TO USE, YOU CAN TAKE MY HAMMER AND...

...

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S EVEN INSIDE IT— IT CAN'T BE A GOOD IDEA TO OPEN IT!!

YOU CAN'T! YOU GOT THAT BOX FROM THE INFORMATION BROKER...

...!

...

...

...HOW IS A **BOX** SUPPOSED TO BEAT A TRASH BEAST?

...EVEN IF YOU DO USE THAT THING...

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WHEN IT COMES TO FIGURING OUT HOW TO USE AN OBJECT...

THAT'S LITERALLY THE LAST THING WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT, FOLLO!!

!

RUDO TICKS ALL THE BOXES!!

RR

...OKAY.

...

I GET THAT HE HAS FAITH IN MY POWERS.

I GET THAT HE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT PLAYING ALONG WITH KURO'S SCHEME.

AND I GET THAT HE'S USING ME TO FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE...

...BUT.

NOBODY GIVES A TURD ABOUT THE BOX ITSELF...

AND IT MADE ME KINDA SAD...

PEOPLE ONLY EVER LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE. I COULDN'T HELP PROJECTING MY FEELINGS ABOUT THAT ON THIS BOX...

SPHEREITE. TRIBESFOLK. SON OF A MURDERER.

IT MADE ME FEEL FUNNY IN MY CHEST...

AND IT MADE ME WANT TO MAKE THIS GUY SHINE.

ZWAH

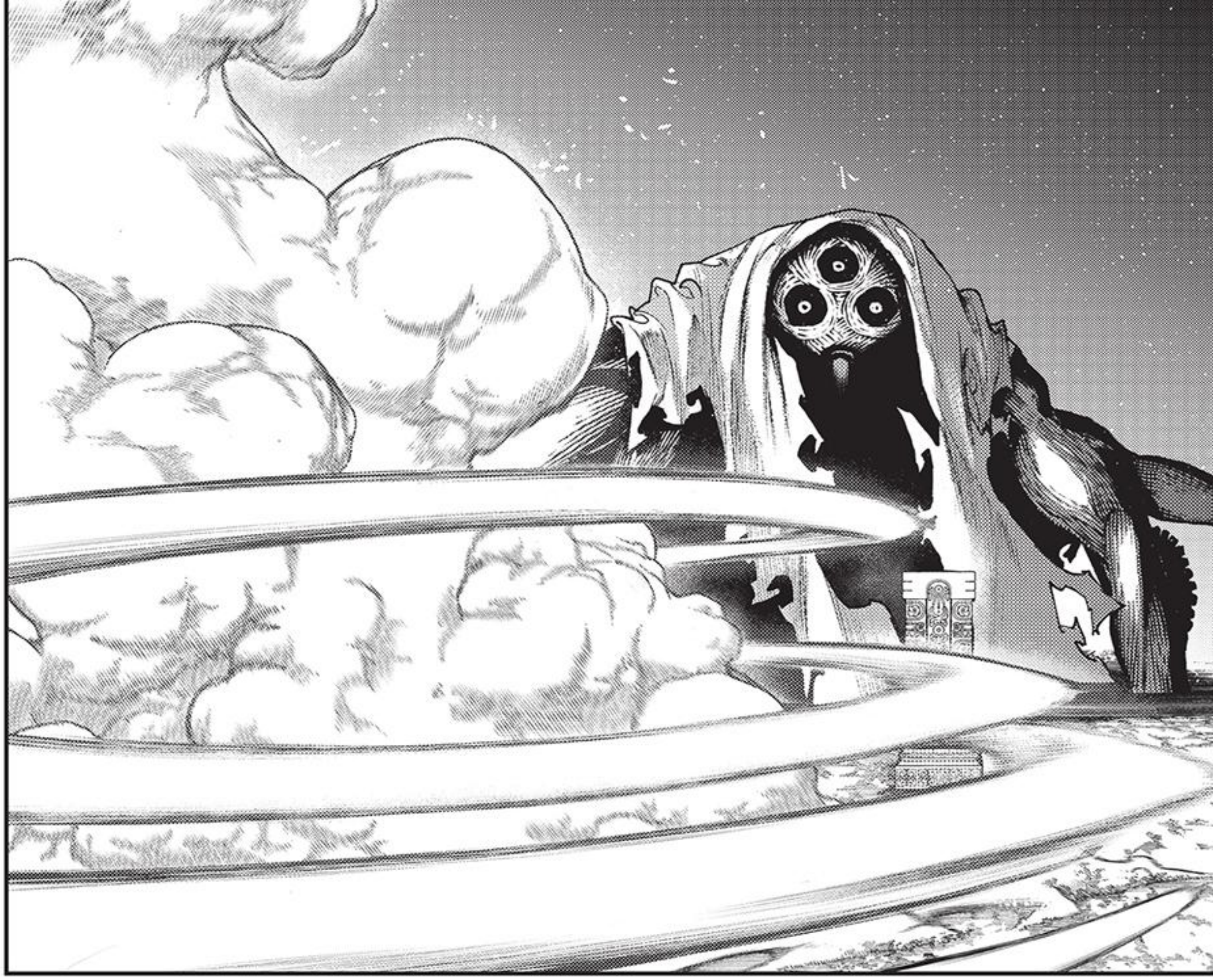
STILL, I FEEL A CRAZY HUGE RUSH OF ENERGY COMING OUT OF IT.

I KNOW IT'S GOT A LOT OF HISTORY, BUT I NEVER TOUCHED THIS OBJECT BEFORE TODAY...

THIS ISN'T JUST FROM MY POWER...

IT'S LIKE THIS INANIMATE OBJECT...

...TURNED TO LOOK AT ME.



BWAH

BOXES AREN'T THERE JUST TO BE OPENED!

THEY'RE THERE TO PUT STUFF INSIDE 'EM!!

KA-

CHOMP

HRG

GRG

GRG

GRG

KA-
CHOMP

KA-
CHOMP

KA-
CHOMP

KA-
CHOMP

KA-
CHOMP

SPLOOMP

SMACK

SHLRRP

ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH

THERE.
ALL
CLEAN.

# CHAPTER 105: BEHOLD WHAT IT HOLDS

TMP

G-GNN

I HAD HOPED YOU COULD **STALL** THE TRASH BEAST...

I DIDN'T DARE EXPECT MORE THAN THAT.

...

...AAH

...

RUDO

...

BUT LOOK AT YOU—YOU CREATE THIS MAGNIFICENT OBJECT AND DEFEAT THE MONSTER.

EITHER WAY, IT MEANS WE ENDED UP MAKING YOU DO ALL THE WORK.

NO, YOU AND FOLLO WERE THE ONES KEEPING THE TRASH BEAST DISTRACTED.

IT WASN'T JUST ME.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THIS GUY—HE RESPONDED TO MY FEELINGS AND HELPED ME OUT.

ANYWAY.

DID WE GET THE ALL-IMPORTANT **CONTENTS** OF THIS BOX?

THAT'S IT?

...WHAT?

SFF

...A LETTER BY RUDO'S ANCESTOR, CANIS SUREBREC THE UNDERTAKER.

THE BOX CON-TAINED...

...IT IS HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

MY ANCES-TOR'S... WILL...?!

!!?

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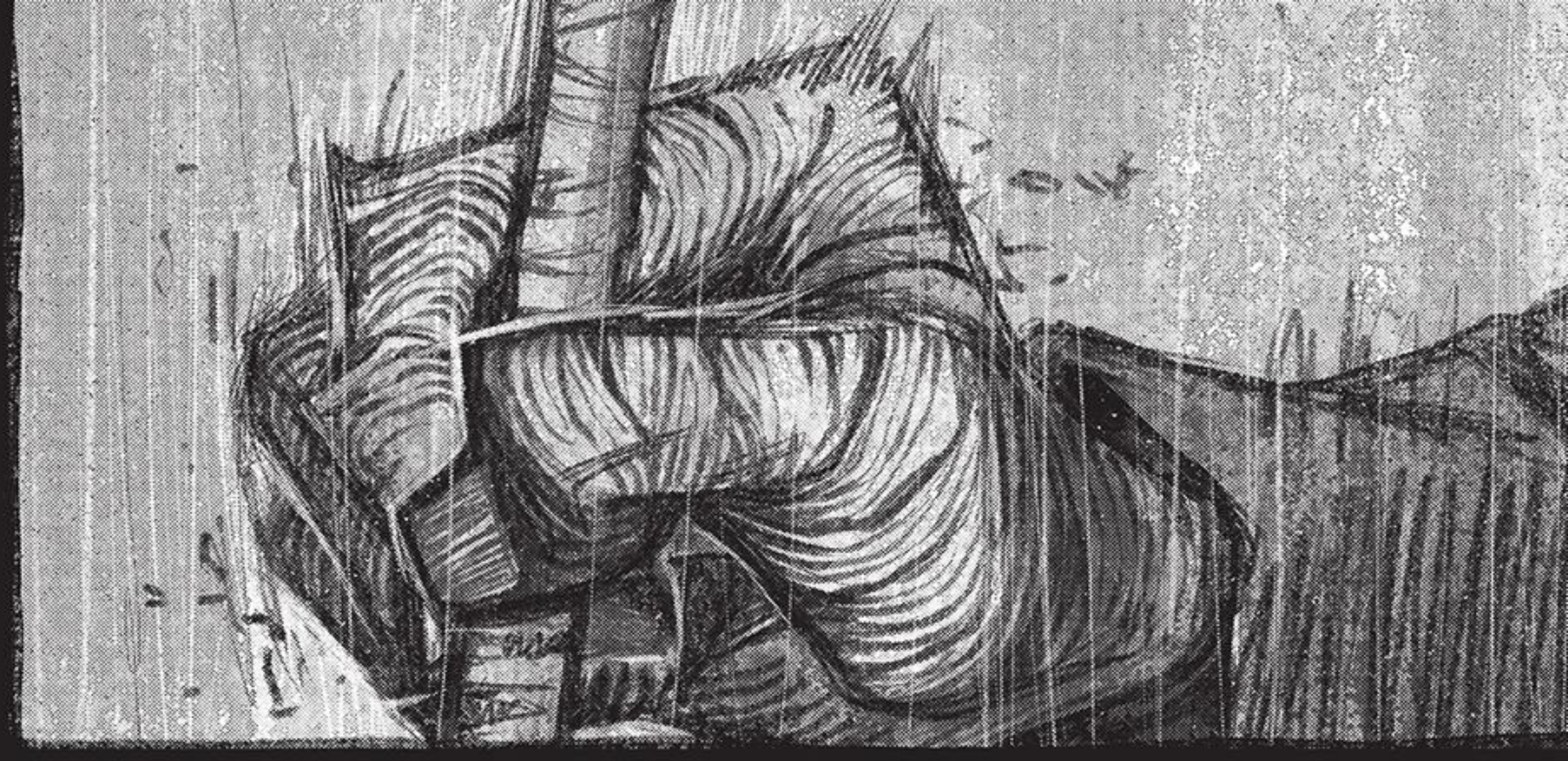
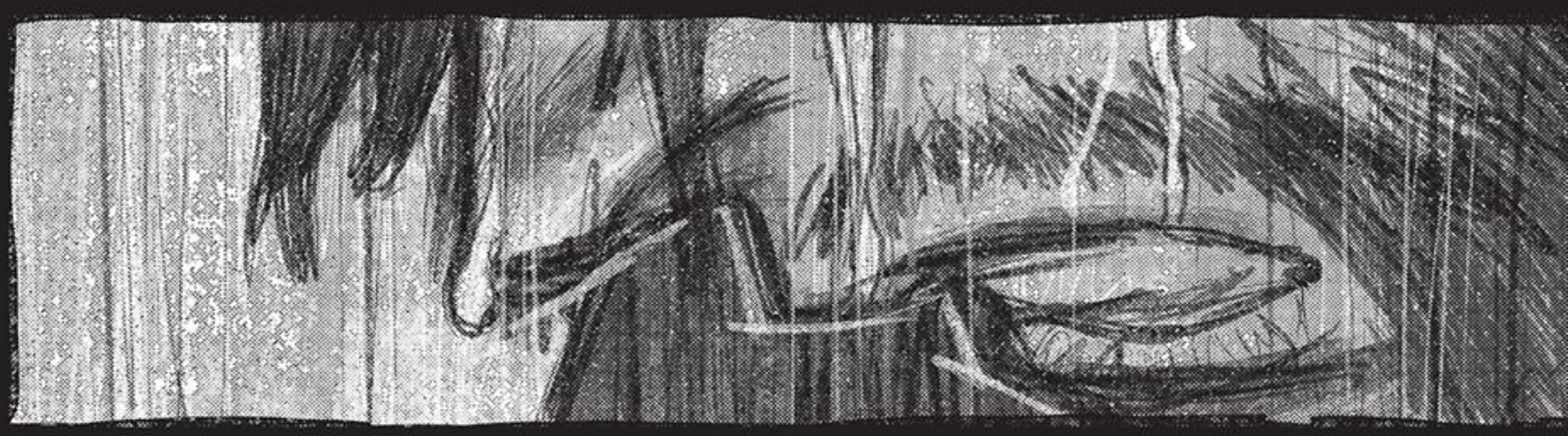
I couldn't do it.

I couldn't stop the humans.



All I could
manage was to bury them.



I...

My dear children.
Your father has to go,
to break this chain.

So please.
Please.

Live happy lives.

...WHAT HAP-PENED TO HIM?

RUDO.

I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO THE GROUND.

THANK YOU.

WHO ARE YOU...?

...KURO...

DEAR CHILD.

TELL ME, INFORMATION BROKER. HOW COULD YOU TELL FROM **THAT** LETTER THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY RUDO'S ANCESTOR CANIS SUREBREC?

WAIT A MINUTE.

...THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX WAS ENGRAVED WITH CANIS'S LOGO.

I KNOW BE-CAUSE...

EVERYONE JUST CALM DOWN. THE BOX WAS NOT PART OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES.

THE WATCHMAN SERIES ARE ITEMS THAT CANIS WORE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

...YOU KNOW ALL THAT, TOO...?

CANIS'S LOGO MEANS IT'S PART OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES!!!!

WHEN RUDO USES HIS POWERS ON OBJECTS, THEY DISAPPEAR, DON'T THEY?!

CHANGE IT BACK, RUDO!!! MAKE IT A REGULAR BOX AGAIN!!!

NO, I CAN'T! I ALREADY USED IT!!

FOR MY INFORMATION.

THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO ME, ISN'T IT?

OF COURSE I DO.

I HAVE BEEN MORE THAN SUFFICIENTLY COMPENSATED!

ALLOW ME TO SUPPLY YOU WITH MY MERCHANDISE!

YOUR INFORMATION IS MINE.

# CHAPTER 106: LURKERS

IT'S MOMOA !!!

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE ZODYL WILL KILL HIM!!!

AND WHEN SHE GETS THE INFORMATION,

THAT WOMAN IS GOING TO STEAL ALL OF KURO'S INFORMATION!!

FU TOLD US ABOUT HER!!

?!

I'M SUCH A FREAKING MORON!!

BUT I CAN'T LET THEM KILL HIM!!

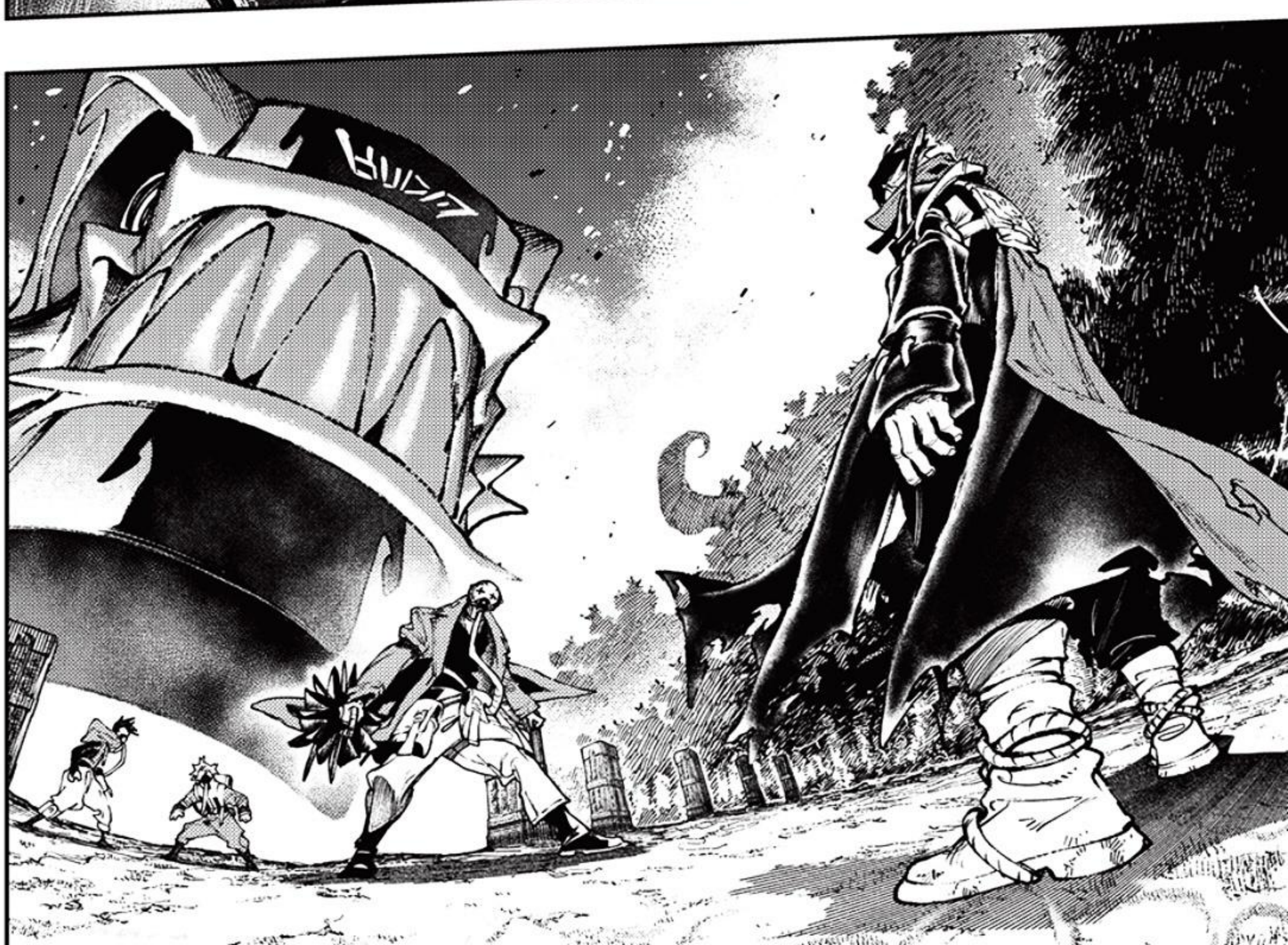
I DON'T LIKE THAT GUY!

I WAS SO FOCUSED ON THE TRASH BEAST, I FORGOT TO WATCH OUT FOR THE RAIDERS!!

NOW YOU'RE GONNA SHOW YOURSELF?!!

!!

ZODY!!



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VITAL INSTRU-MENT.

# MISHRA.

I CAN USE MY 3R TO WEAPONIZE OBJECTS UP TO THREE TIMES...

I USED IT TWICE ON REMLIN'S BRUSH.

AND ONCE ON THE BOX.

...

DON'T USE YOUR VITAL INSTRUMENT **NOW**, TURD FACE!!!

THIS IS THE **WORST** TIMING!

BWAH

YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME...

AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS.

...AMUSING YOURSELVES WITH LITTLE GAMES LIKE "TAG."

FWOOSH

BRACE YOUR-SELVES, PEOPLE !!

TCHAK

...

YOU CANNOT PASS.

YOU CANNOT STOP US.

...IN THE "WORLD" OF THE MUSIC THAT CAME THROUGH MY HEAD-PHONES.

I LOVED THE FEELING OF IMMERSING MYSELF...

BECAUSE BEING IN THAT ISOLATED SPACE LET ME FOCUS ON A SINGLE WORLD.

EVEN WHEN MY HEADPHONES COULDN'T PLAY NEW SOUNDS ANYMORE, I KEPT WEARING THEM.

AND THEN IT CAME TO ME. THE ABILITY TO LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE'S MEMORIES.

VITAL INSTRUMENT ASYL.

NOW LET ME BATHE IN IT.

I HEAR YOUR WORLD.

?!

INFORMATION BROKER OR NOT, NO ONE PERSON HAS THIS MANY MEMORIES.

WHAT... THERE'S SO MUCH...

BOSS, THAT TRASH BEAST...

WHOSE ARE THEY?!

COME ON, EMILIA. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT AGAIN?

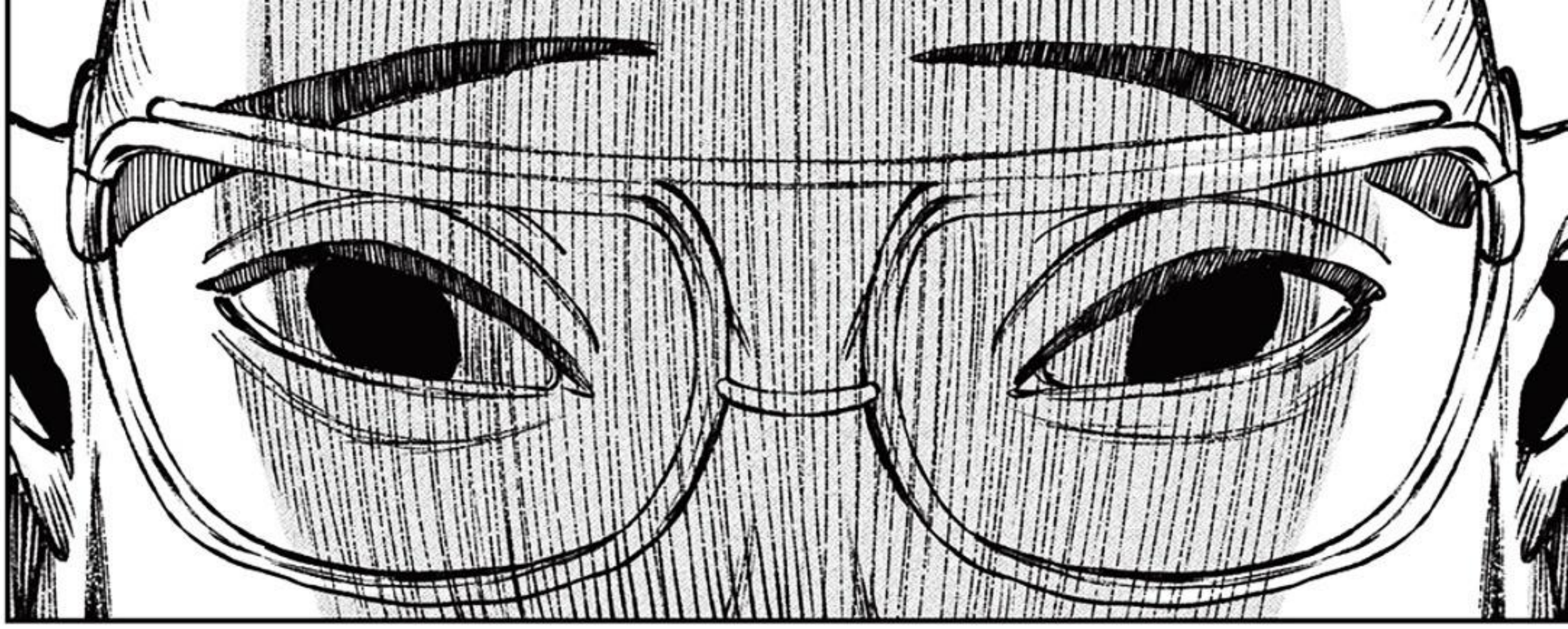
YO, BOB!

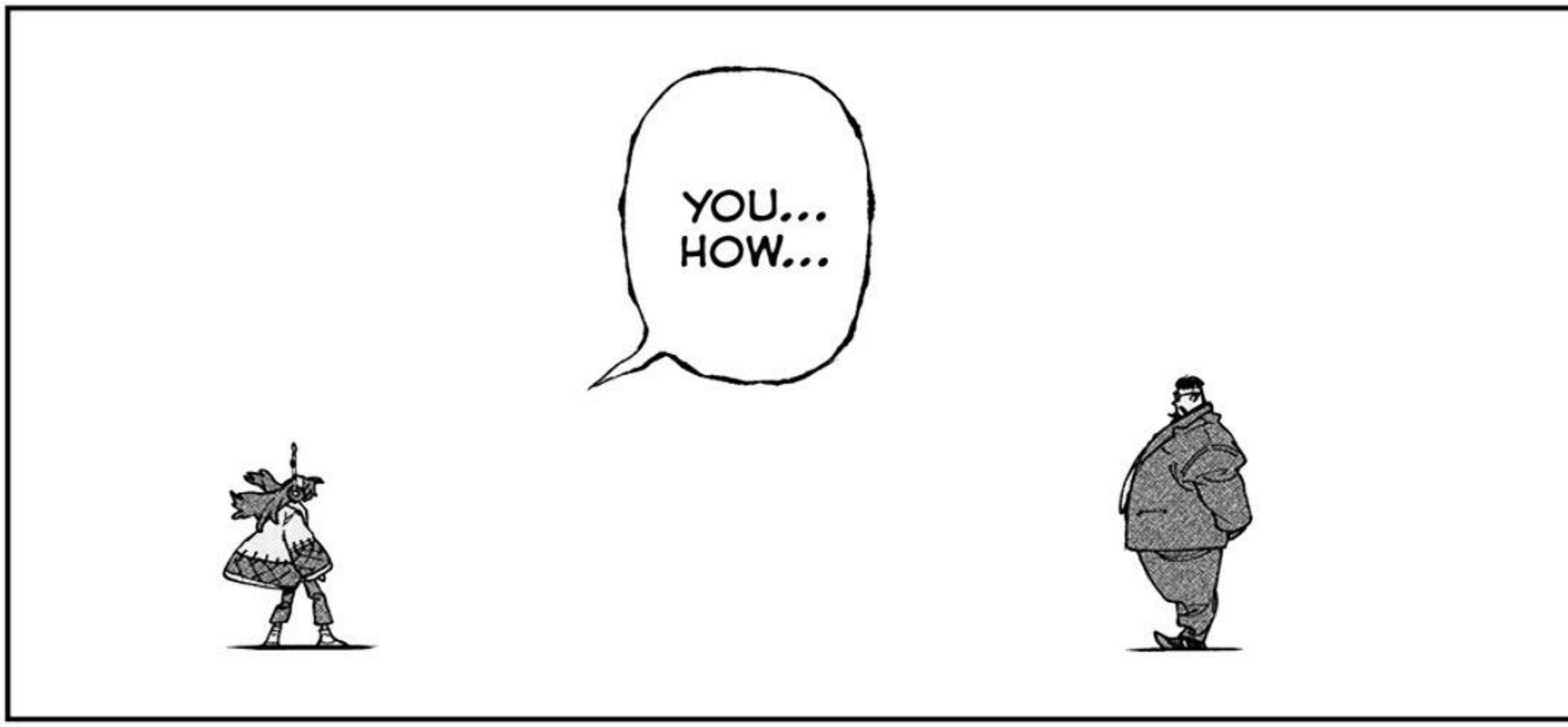
THESE MEMO-RIES...

AND...

WAIT, DON'T GO!

CANIS !!




YOU...
HOW...
HOW LONG
HAVE
YOU BEEN
ALIVE...?

SIGHTINGS OF MONSTERS MADE FROM TRASH?! WHAT KIND OF A JOKE IS THIS?!!

50 YEARS...

100...?

NO, IT'S MORE...

# CHAPTER 107: ELDER

HE'S BEEN AROUND FOR MUCH LONGER...

MOMOA RUKEL.

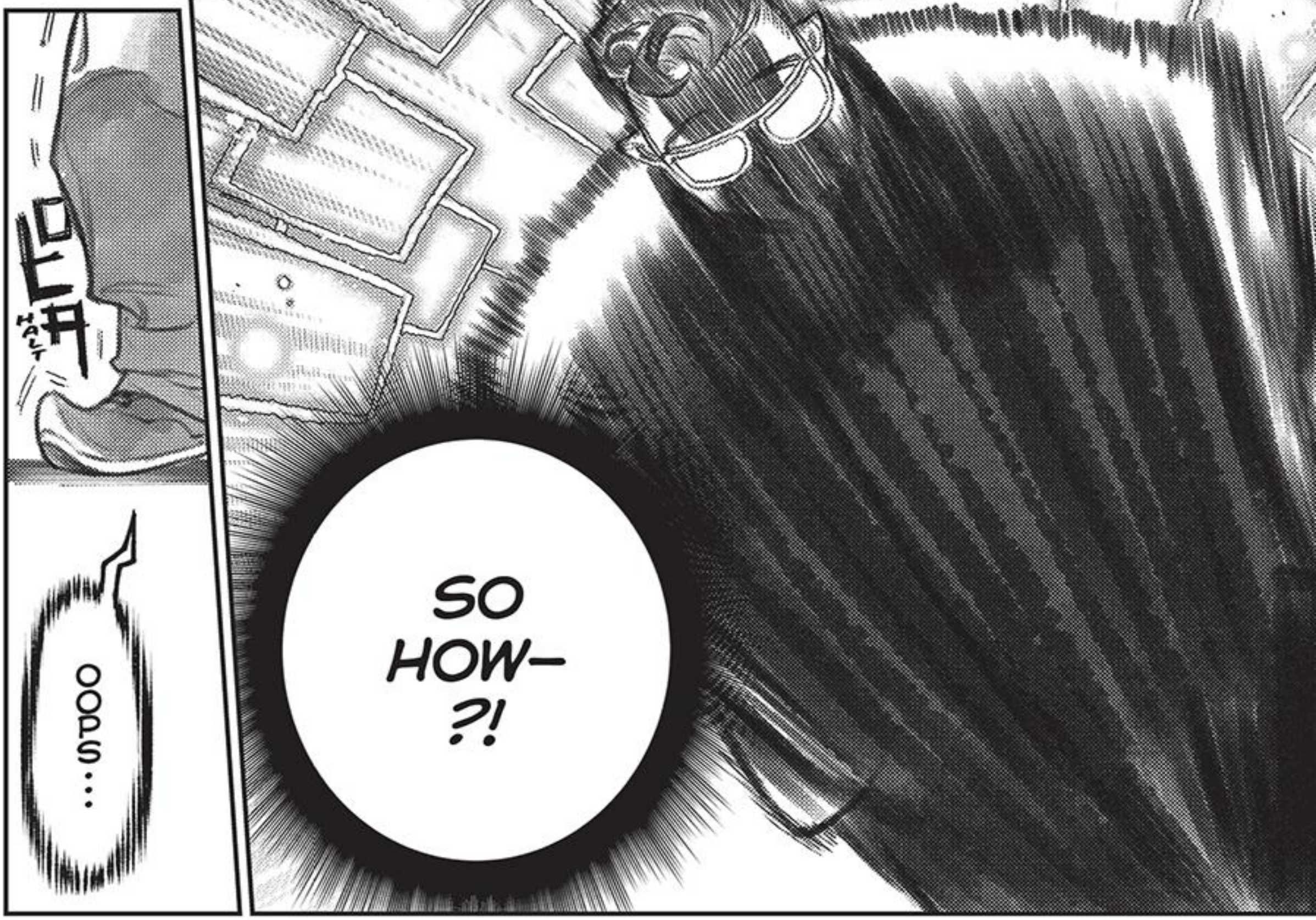
YOU SHOULD HAVE PREPARED YOURSELF BEFORE TOUCHING ME.

HOW ARE YOU HERE...?

!!

I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO ALTER MEMORIES... BUT THAT MEANS THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO INTERACT WITH ME, EITHER!

MY ABILITY IS TO HEAR PEOPLE'S MEMORIES AND IMMERSE MYSELF IN THEIR WORLD WHEN I TOUCH THEM...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SO HOW—?!

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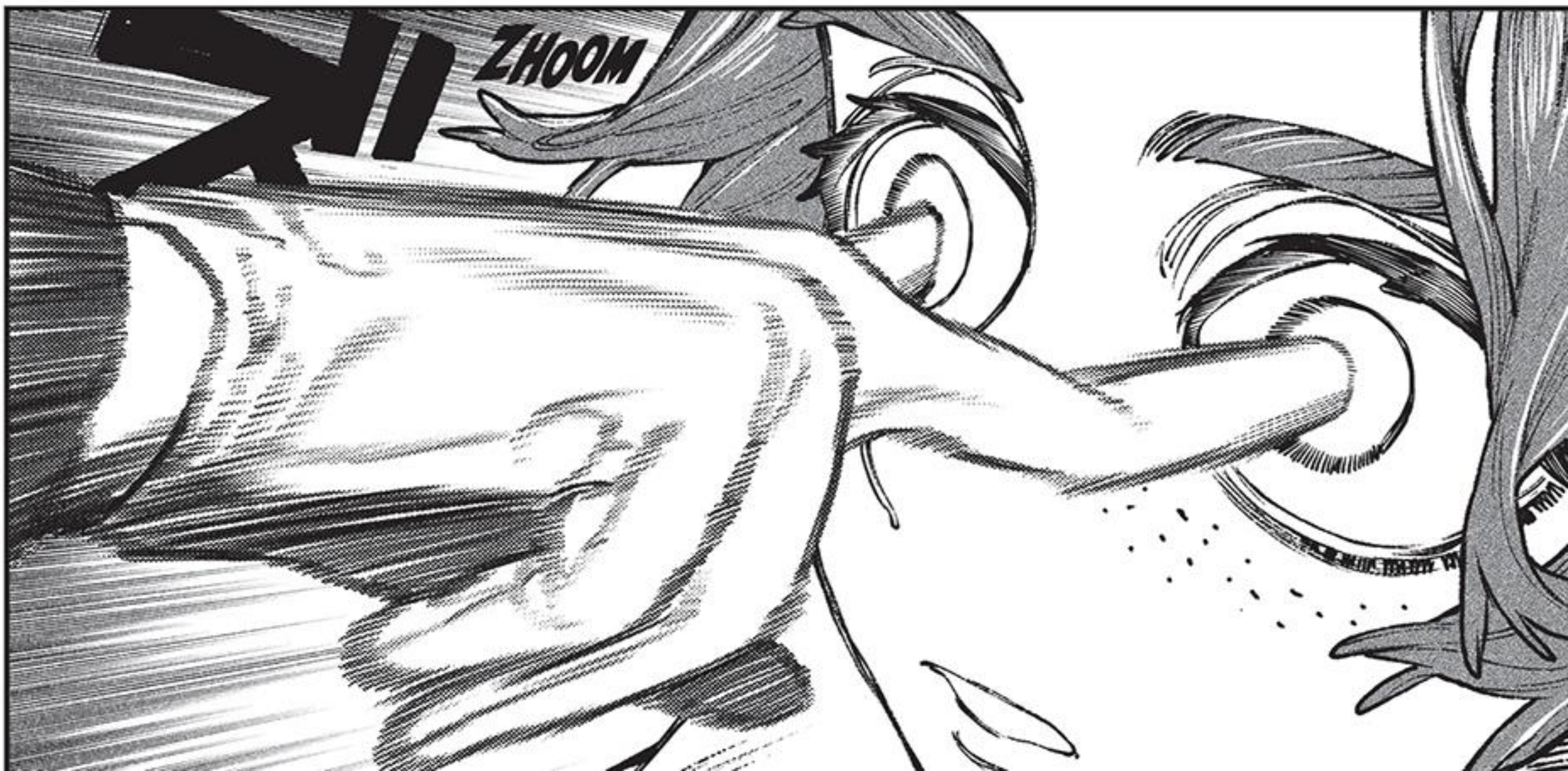
CLAP
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED TALKING TO YOU INSIDE MY MEMORIES WOULD CONFUSE YOU.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HM?? HER ABILITY IS TO "HEAR," SO MAYBE THAT SERVES NO PURPOSE.

WHOOSH!!!

AGH ...?!

WOULD THE "AIR EYE POKE" EVEN HAVE AN EFFECT ON HER??

...!

THE ME THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU, OR BEHIND YOU, OR BESIDE YOU, IS "JUST A MEMORY."

YOU'RE RIGHT. I AM NOT INTERACTING WITH YOU DIRECTLY.

GSH

...THAT I PREPARED *BEFORE* RUDO AND HIS FRIENDS CAME TO VISIT.

A MEMORY JUST FOR YOU...

YOU FORESAW THIS? YOU KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN?

FOR ME?

NO, BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...

...IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO MAKE NEW DISCOVERIES, AND THUS GAIN MORE INFORMATION.

BUT YOU SEE, ONCE IT HAS SPREAD IN ITS MISSHAPEN FORM...

THE THING ABOUT INFORMATION...

...IS THAT IT'S FRAGILE. THE MORE IT GETS SHARED, THE MORE EASILY IT LOSES ITS PROPER SHAPE.

...HEH.

NOT THAT I SHOULD BE SAYING THIS,

BUT I'M STARTING TO FEEL BAD THAT THE CLEANERS ACTUALLY PAID THEIR PRICE.

I WILL GIVE YOU RAIDERS A SMALL PIECE OF MY INFORMATION...

...IN THE HOPES THAT I CAN DISCOVER WHAT I WANT TO KNOW... THE "LOST MEMORIES."

AND THAT BRINGS US TO THE PRICE THE RAIDERS ARE GOING TO PAY.

YOU WILL PAY WITH A FREEZE, CAUSED BY BRAIN OVERLOAD!!!

AAAGHH!!!

BZZT

THUD

WHAT THE...?!

I'D SAY THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FULLY RECOVER FROM.

WHAT HAPPENED ...?!

ME? I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.

WHAT DID YOU DO?

...

NEVERTHELESS, YOU DID GAIN JUST A SMALL PART OF MY INFORMATION.

AND I'VE DECIDED TO LET THIS BE THE PRICE THAT YOU WILL PAY FOR IT.

SHE TRIED TO STEAL MY MEMORIES.

ONE LITTLE GIRL'S BRAIN COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HOLD ALL OF THEM.

IS THAT THE DEAL?

...I SEE. "WE CAN'T OPEN THE GOODS FOR AT LEAST A MONTH."

YOU WERE PREPARED FOR EVERY-THING, INCLUDING OUR AMBUSH.

SFF

ズ…

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

CRUNCH

YOU ARE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

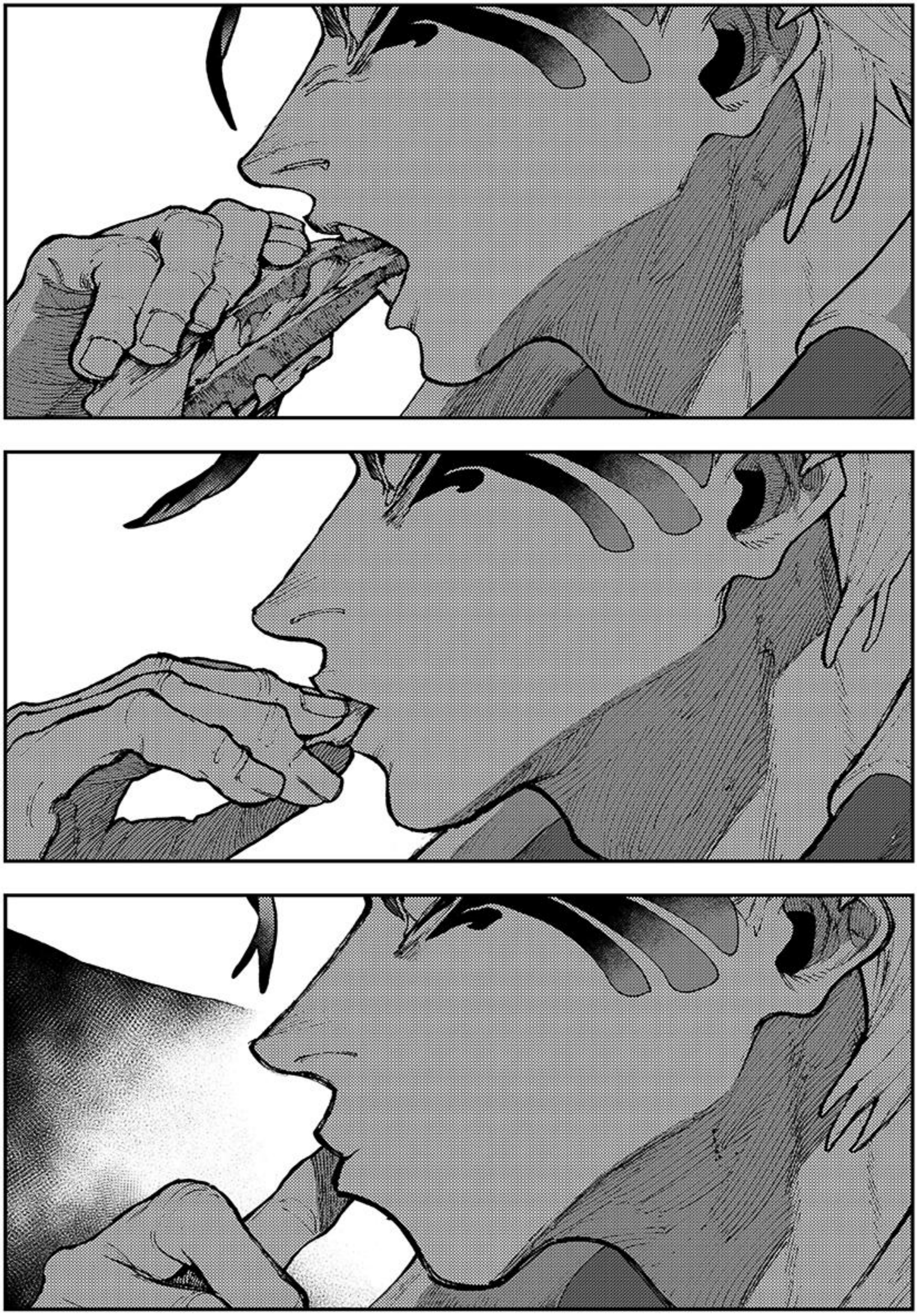
FWOOSH

-KA-

IT CAN DO MORE THAN MAKE ITSELF POINTY!

THAT COAT!

OH!



# CHAPTER 108: STAY OUT OF OUR WAY, SERIOUSLY

WINGS ...?!

NO WAY.

IS HE LIKE ME?! HE CAN USE MULTIPLE POWERS WITH ONE VITAL INSTRUMENT?!!

THAT'S NOT THE SAME SHAPE AS BEFORE.

RUDO!

AH!

WHOOSH

SO NOW THIS GUY'S FULL!!

I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT PUTTING THE **TRASH BEAST** IN THE BOX!

WHY DON'T YOU USE THE GIANT BOX AGAIN AND CHOMP HIM UP?!

... CAN'T!

I GUESS A TRASH BEAST THAT GAVE US THAT MUCH TROUBLE **WOULD** BE HIGH IN CALORIES...!!

OH, MAN, IT'S OVER CAPACITY?!

KILLING ME WON'T HEAL HER, YOU KNOW.

NOW, NOW, NOW.

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AND WHAT IS THAT SANDWICH YOU WERE EATING A MINUTE AGO??

OH!

IS THAT THE TRIGGER FOR THE SHAPE CHANGE??

I'LL TELL YOU LATER.

UH-OH! HE'S GONNA FLY OFF AND TAKE THE INFORMATION BROKER WITH HIM...

BUDD

THIS LITTLE GUY MAY BE FULL, BUT HE'S NOT OUT OF COMMISSION!!!

I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY INFORMATION YET!

OH NO

HE'S NOT!!

SIC HIM, BOX!!

GM...
GM...
GM...
GM...

YANK

BUT I'M NOT GREAT AT RANGED BATTLE.

SO TRY NOT TO GET HIT!

I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE...

OR, I'D LIKE TO.

TWANG

THANKS FOR GIVING YOUR ALL TO EATING THAT TRASH BEAST, BOXY.

I SEE. YOU'RE SO FULL YOU CAN'T MOVE...

SEEEEEEE!!

LONG-RANGE SPINNING UMBRELLA. I...

SQUISH

SKSHH

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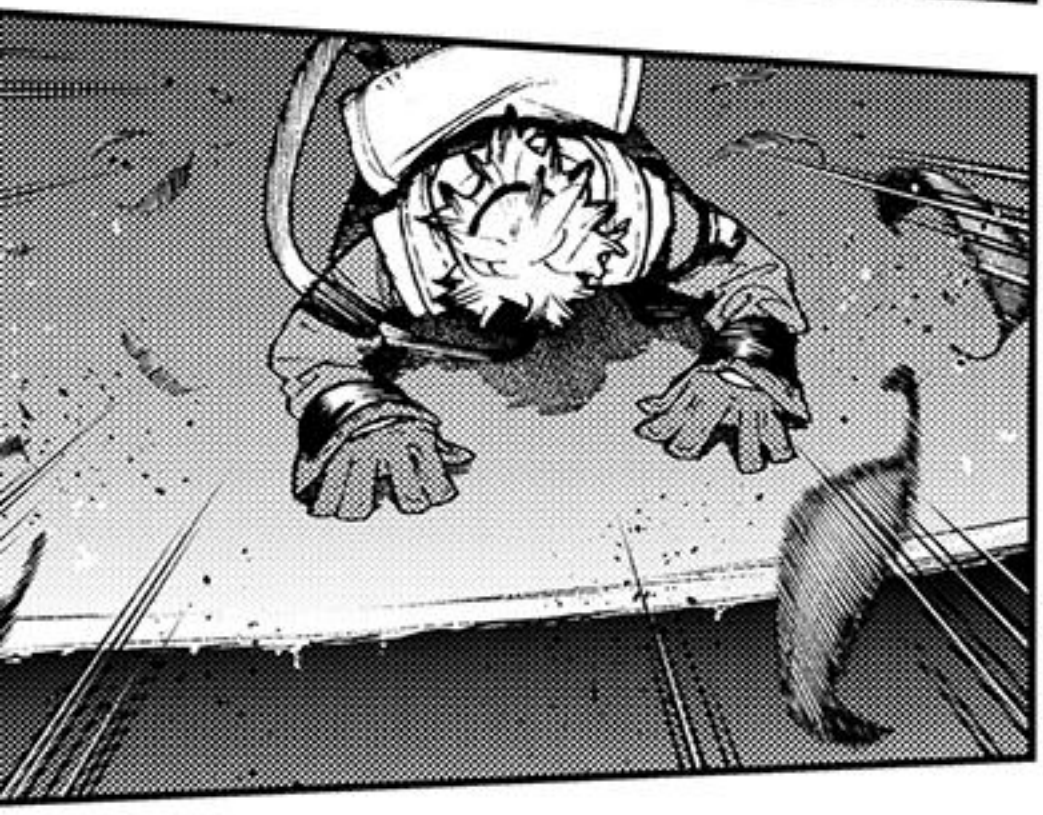
YOU ARE A SLOPPY FIGHTER, AREN'T YOU?!

WHEW!

I WON'T LET YOU GET IN OUR WAY ANYMORE.

RAIDER SCUM.

FINE.



FWOOSH

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THE INFORMATION BROKER USED THE WORD PRICE.

THAT MEANS, AS LONG AS I PAY THE PRICE... "IF I WAIT ONE MONTH, I'LL GET THE GOODS."

...BUT.

I HAVE NO FURTHER BUSINESS HERE.

THE NEXT TIME THE PATHS TO OUR GOALS INTERSECT...

...I WILL ROLL UP MY SLEEVES AND BEAT YOU INTO THE GROUND.

WHOOSH

GO AHEAD AND TRY!!!

THEN I'LL KICK YOUR ASS AND LAUGH MY BUTT OFF!!

I'M GONNA FIND A WAY TO GET TO THE SPHERE BEFORE YOU!

I'LL THINK OF THIS AS A FLAG...!!

I ASSUME HE PUT MOMOA'S SAFETY FIRST AND DECIDED TO CUT HIS LOSSES.

THEIR ATTEMPT TO TAKE ME WAS MERELY FOR INSURANCE.

A LOGICAL CHOICE.

...I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE US MORE TROUBLE.

BUT THEY JUST GAVE UP AND RAN AWAY.

I'M SUR-PRISED ZODYL BOUGHT IT.

BUT THE PRICE—HE CAN'T OPEN THE GOODS FOR A MONTH. THAT'S SO VAGUE.

THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU CAN TRUST THE WORD "PRICE" FROM INFORMATION BROKER KURO.

THEY KNEW THAT AND STILL TRIED TO CHEAT TO GET EVEN MORE INFORMATION. TYPICAL RAIDERS, I GUESS...

OTHERWISE, HE WOULD LOSE CREDIBILITY AS AN INFO BROKER.

IF YOU HEAR HIM USE THAT WORD, YOU KNOW WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU IS 100% TRUE.

YEAH. AFTER ALL, YOU WANT TO FIND AMO ASAP, RIGHT, RUDO?

WELL.

NOW THAT THE RAID-STORM HAS PASSED.

SHALL WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?

*THANK YOU.*

I'M GUESSING PEOPLE GOT HURT?

SO RUDO IS OFF MEETING WITH THE INFOR-MATION BROKER.

...I SEE.

I HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO. I THINK I'LL GO GIVE THEM A HAND.

## CHAPTER 109: AMO'S WHEREABOUTS. AND...

GACHIAKUTA

SOUTH WARD

CREAPYE

TWO DAYS LATER

GOOD MORNING, YOU BEAUTIFUL ORDINARY PEOPLE YOU!!

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

OH, OOPS.

TODAY I'VE PROPOSI-TIONED...

I MEAN, REQUISITIONED NTR'S AIRWAVES, YEAH BABY!!!

IT'S ME!! YOUR FAVORITE NEWS REPORTER MYMO!!!

SEND SOME SHOCK WAVES THROUGH THOSE SLEEPY-WEEPY BRAINS OF YOURS AND PAY SOME FILTHIN' ATTENTION TO MY REPORT!!

HA HA.

IT'S OFFICIAL— THEY'RE HAVING THE DOLL CONTEST! LIKE, FOR REAL?!

YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS!!

I AL- READY HAVE SOME BREAKING NEWS!!

I REALLY HATE THIS GUY.

UM...

...
WELL.

BUT EVERYBODY WATCHES HIM, BECAUSE HE GETS US THE NEWS FASTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE...

WHAT WERE YOUR NAMES AGAIN...?

MIL-
DRETTA.

AND I'M
MERIEGE.

WE ARE SO
RELIEVED
THAT YOU'VE
REGAINED
CONSCIOUS-
NESS, RIYO,
SWEETIE.

WE'RE
SUPPORTERS
WITH THE
CLEANERS
SOUTH
BRANCH.

YOU
BETTER
BE
GRATEFUL.

THANKS
FOR
HELPING
ME...

I'VE...
NEVER
BEEN TO
THE SOUTH
BRANCH...

I DON'T CARE THAT YOU DIDN'T **KNOW** YOU'D HAVE TO GO TO THE TORI NO MAN'S LAND.

IF YOU WERE COMING TO THE SOUTH WARD, YOU **SHOULD** HAVE INFORMED THE SOUTH BRANCH CLEANERS.

YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT COME ON.

NOW, NOW. SHE'S STILL ALIVE. NO HARM, NO FOUL.

DON'T LET THE INFORMATION BROKER PLAY YOU LIKE THAT, DAMMIT.

YOU'RE CLEANERS, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. YOU SHOULD HAVE **GUESSED** THAT YOU'D END UP IN NO MAN'S LAND.

AND THEN, THEY MAKE STUPID REQUESTS LIKE SAVE THE RAIDER, TOO? FU, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME IS. ARE YOU ACTUALLY KIDDING ME?!!

WE GO TO PICK YOU UP AND THE BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED—DID YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT THAT HARD JUST TO GET THERE?

DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU, SWEETIE. SHE'S JUST WORRIED.

YOU THINK SO...?

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

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RUMBLE

WHAT IS **WRONG** WITH YOU HQ PEOPLE?

I'M VERY SORRY.

WE GOT OUR TWINS INTERROGATING HIM.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... WHERE IS FU...?

HE DOES...?

GRIS IS WITH HIM. MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE FEELS SO SAFE.

SHE CALLS IT AN INTERROGATION, BUT WE'RE JUST MAKING SURE HE REALLY DOESN'T SEE THE CLEANERS AS ENEMIES.

KA-

CHAK

HUH...? THAT'S KIND OF YOU...

EXCUSE YOU?? YOU ARE GOING TO STAY IN BED UNTIL YOU'RE BETTER, ALL RIGHT?

WELL... I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE...

WE'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS WE CAN...

YOU'RE AWAKE. THAT'S SUCH A RELIEF.

OH, MY, MY!

THIS IS A SURPRISE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

...

OH HO! WELL, NORMALLY, I WOULD HAVE.

YEAH.

DID YOU THINK I WOULD GIVE RUDO HIS INFORMATION AND DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE??

HE SAID I NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

BUT RUDO WOULDN'T LET ME.

I UNDERSTAND HE WAS THE TYPE TO GIVE IN TO HIS ANGER AND PUNCH WHO OR WHATEVER HE WAS MAD AT.

BUT THIS TIME...

...

RUDO ...?

BOYS ARE SO INTERESTING. THEY'RE OPEN BOOKS, AND YOU CAN SEE THEM GROW BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES.

HE TOLD ME—**ME**—THAT HE WOULDN'T PUNCH ME, AS LONG AS I APOLOGIZED TO YOU.

BUT MY METHODS WERE HEAVY-HANDED.

NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ALL THAT, THIS MAY COME ACROSS AS RATHER SHALLOW.

I'M SORRY.

IT HELPED ME REALIZE I NEED TO TRAIN HARDER.

IT'S OKAY. I FORGIVE YOU.

THEY DID STOP BY TO SEE HOW YOU WERE DOING WHEN THEY GOT OUT OF NO MAN'S LAND.

...I'M GUESSING RUDO AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY LEFT SOUTH WARD?

THEY TOOK ONE OF THE TIPS I GAVE THEM, ABOUT AMO'S LOCATION...

BUT THEY LEFT SOON THEREAFTER.

...AND WENT TO RESCUE HER.

THEY'RE ON A MISSION.

I FIGURED ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE...

...WOULD HELP AMO FEEL BETTER.

THAT MAKES SENSE. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU ALL HAVE SO MUCH PEP LEFT IN YOU. OTHER THAN RIYO, OF COURSE.

...YEAH... THE SOUTH BRANCH GAVE US A RIDE BACK.

YOU ALL MADE IT BACK SOONER THAN I EXPECTED.

BE-SIDES...

TO FILL IN FOR RIYO.

...WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY COMING ALONG?

AMO'S IN THERE...

I DOUBT SHE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE FROM THE DESERT ON HER OWN, WITHOUT THOSE SHOES.

AMO TOTALLY LOST IT WHEN I TOOK THOSE WATCHMAN SHOES FROM HER FOR HALF A SECOND.

IT'S PRACTICALLY NEXT DOOR TO THE TOWN WHERE WE WENT SHOPPING THE OTHER DAY.

THIS CEL-LAR.

...REALLY. WELL THAT CONFIRMS IT, THEN.

ENJIN, KURO CALLED IT THE PLACE WHERE AMO "IS BEING KEPT."

THE PERSON WHO TOOK HER MIGHT STILL BE IN THERE.

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I'LL GO IN FIRST.

AND I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL TIRED FROM YOUR TRIP TO NO MAN'S LAND.

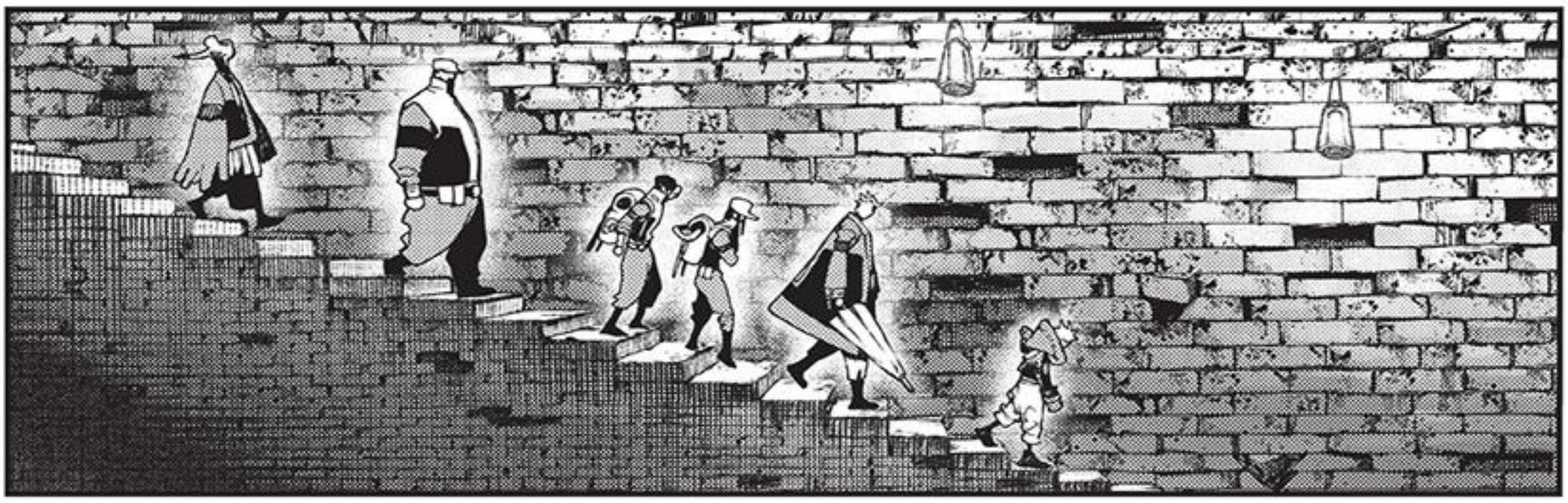
NO. I'M GOING FIRST.

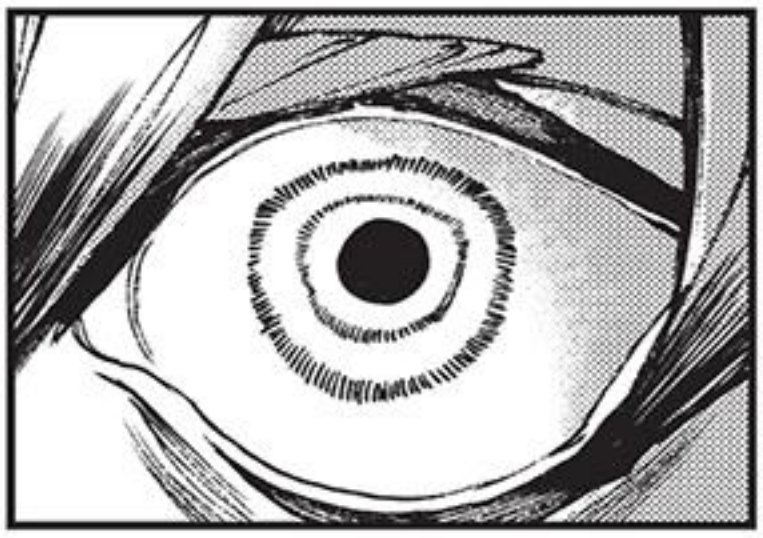
IF THE KIDNAPPER IS A PERSON...

...I JUST HAVE TO PUNCH HIM.

AFTER WE PARTED WAYS WITH AMO...

...SOMEBODY KIDNAPPED HER.





...AMO...?

CLANK
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AAHH...

AH...

I ALWAYS KNEW... YOU WOULD COME FOR ME...

RUDO...

FROM HERE, THE CLEANERS ARE CLOSER.

EISHIA ALREADY SET OFF TO HELP TREAT RIYO...

TOMME

SHE HASN'T BEEN GIVEN ANYTHING BUT WATER IN DAYS...

WHO DID THIS TO HER...?

THIS IS AWFUL...

...

...AH
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Y...

YOU...!

YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME, TOO...

YOU NEED THEM.

DON'T YOU?

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I ONLY CAME HERE TO GIVE YOU THESE.

NO?

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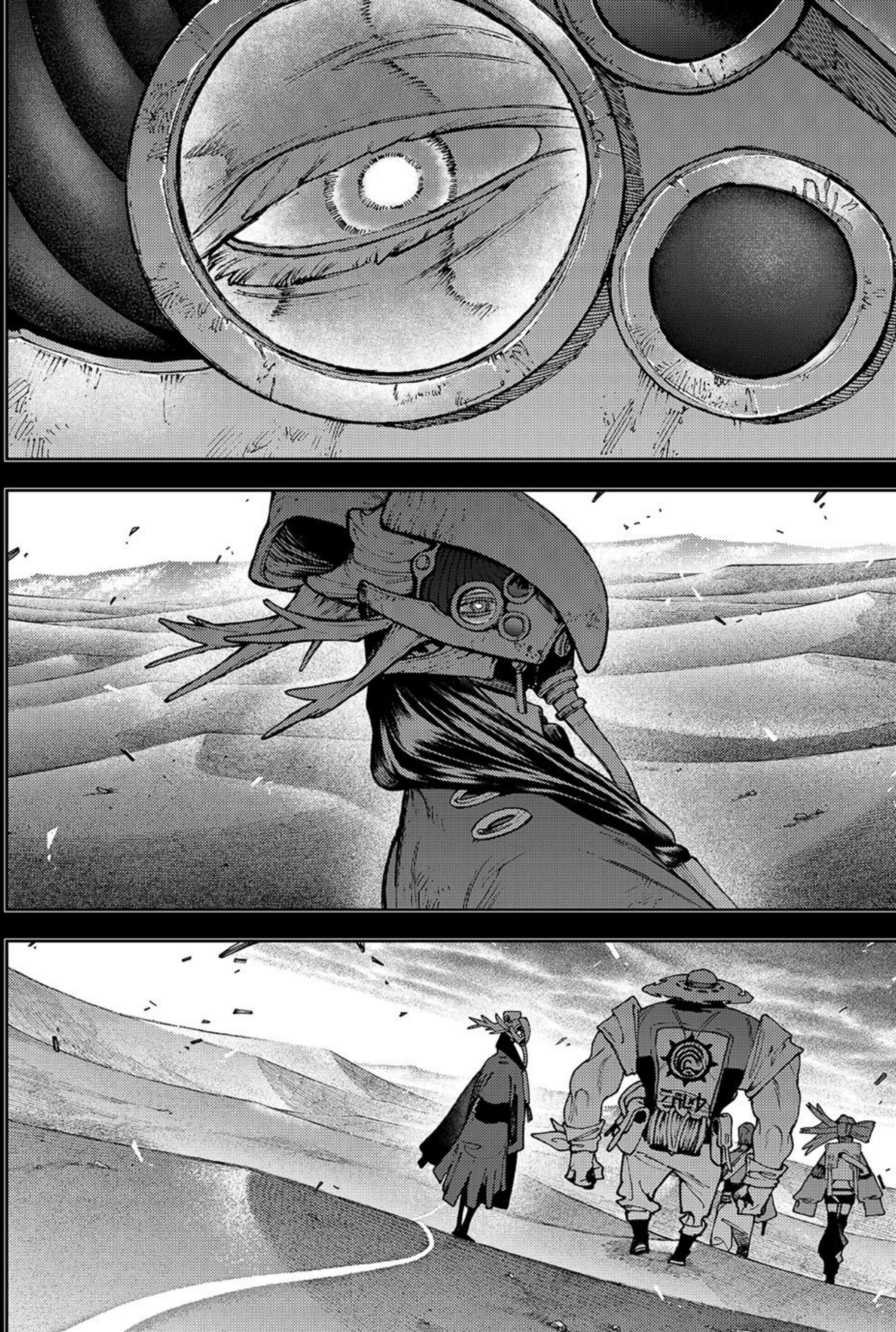
...MM-HM.

THANK YOU...



SEE YOU LATER.

# CHAPTER 110: AN ACT OF ****

DESERT NO MAN'S LAND
PENTA AFTER FIRST
CONTACT WITH AMO

DIGGING UP PEOPLE'S OLD MEMORIES... THAT'S A SCARY POWER!!

ENJIN. DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT. YOU'LL GIVE PEOPLE THE WRONG IDEA.

THAT AMO SURE HAD A POWERFUL SMELL...

...HA HA.

TAMSY'S POWER IS PERFECT FOR RESTRAINING ENEMIES!!!

HE'S ALWAYS HELPING ME OUT!!!

WE'RE LUCKY WE CAN USE TAMSY'S VITAL INSTRUMENT ON PEOPLE.

...AND OF COURSE I TRY HARD NOT TO!

MINE IS SCISSORS, SO ONE WRONG MOVE AND I'D KILL SOMEONE...

WOOOO

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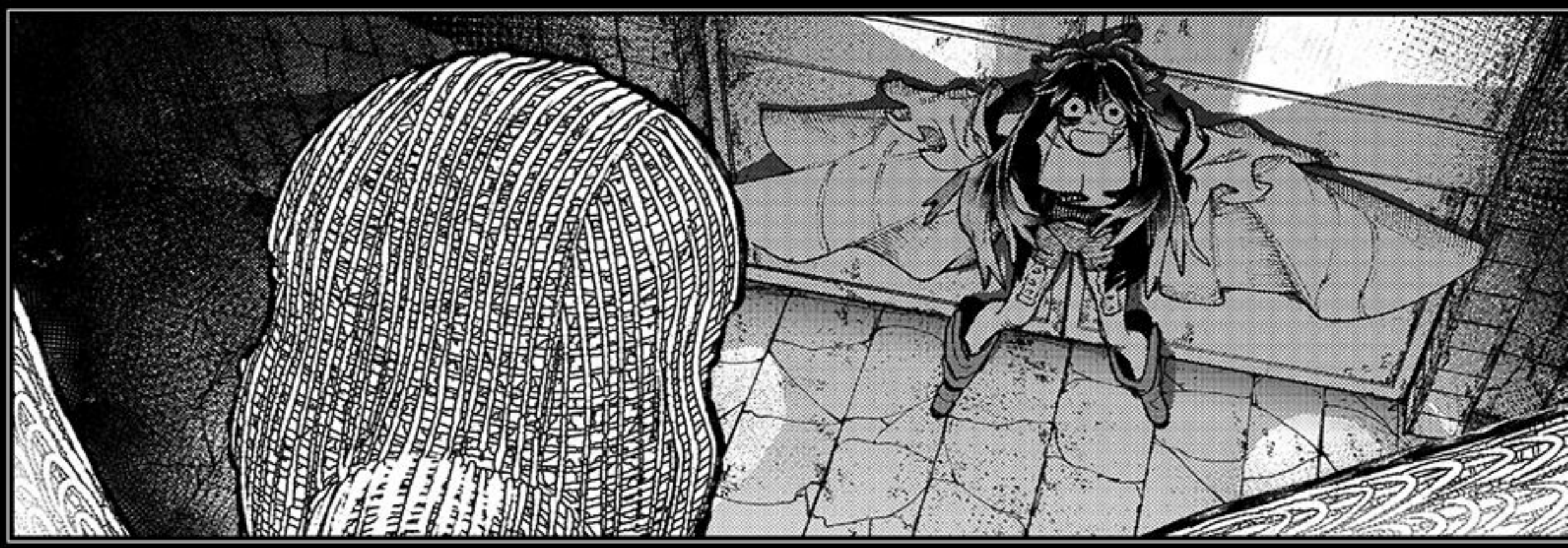
IT IS HANDY TO HAVE A SUPPORT TYPE POWER, ISN'T IT?

IT CAN HELP IN SO MANY WAYS.

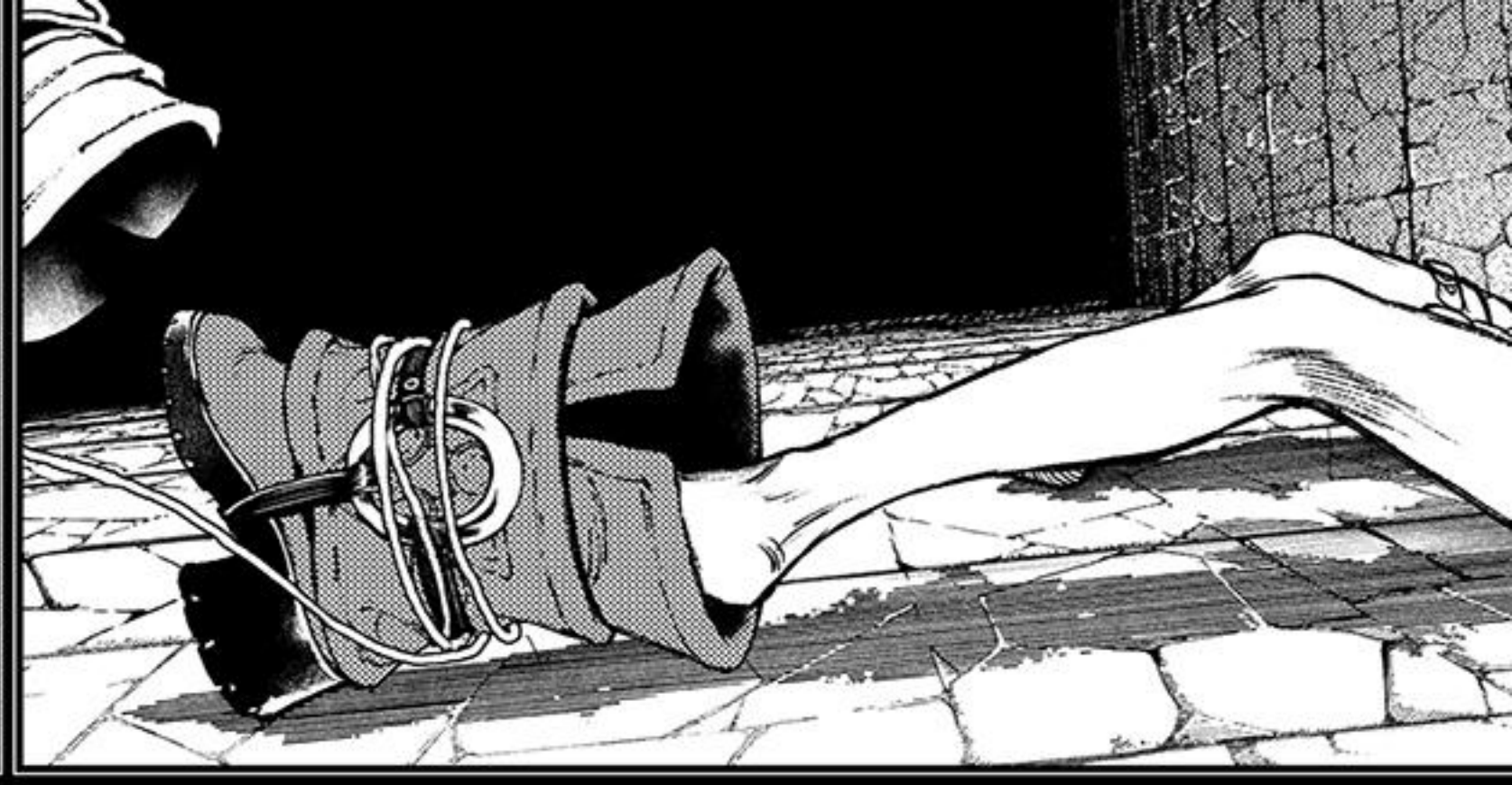
PEOPLE HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME ALL MY LIFE.

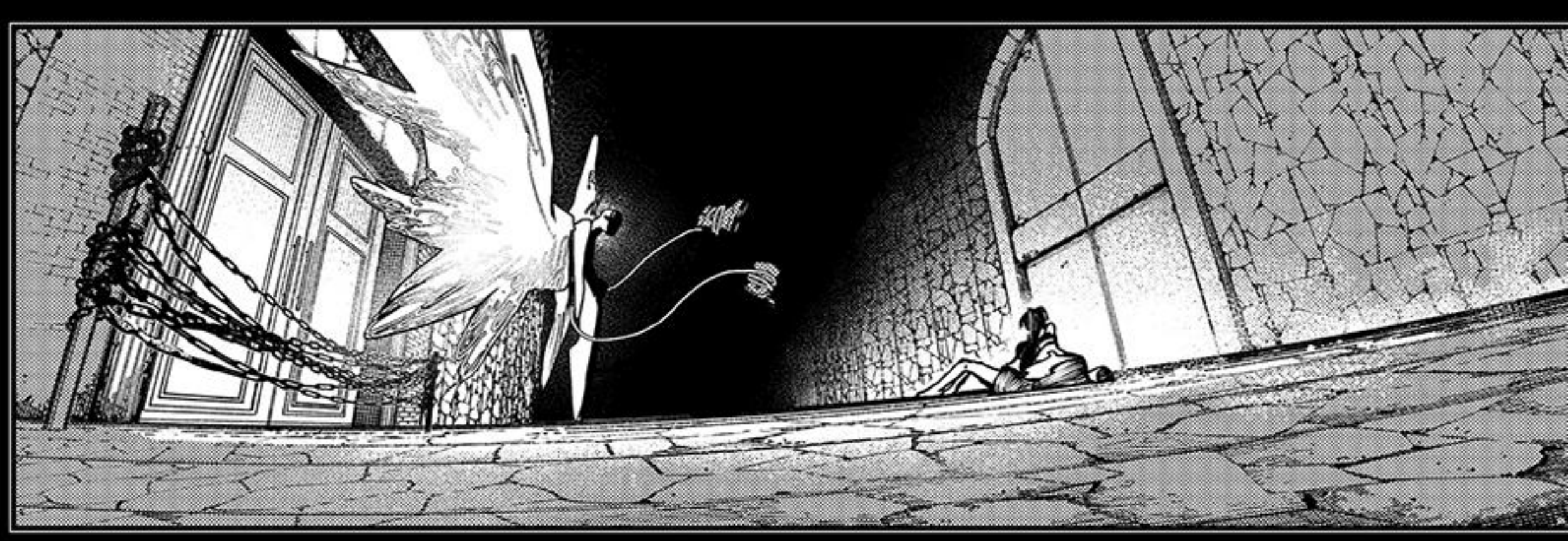




BUT THE PERSON I AM NOW HARBORS NO ANGER OR RESENTMENT.

I HAVE SOMETHING STRONGER THAN THOSE EMOTIONS.





SOMETHING MORE RIGHT
THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

...RUDO
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HELP...

SLAM

SOMETHING THAT WILL TRAIL AFTER ME FOR ETERNITY.

RUDO
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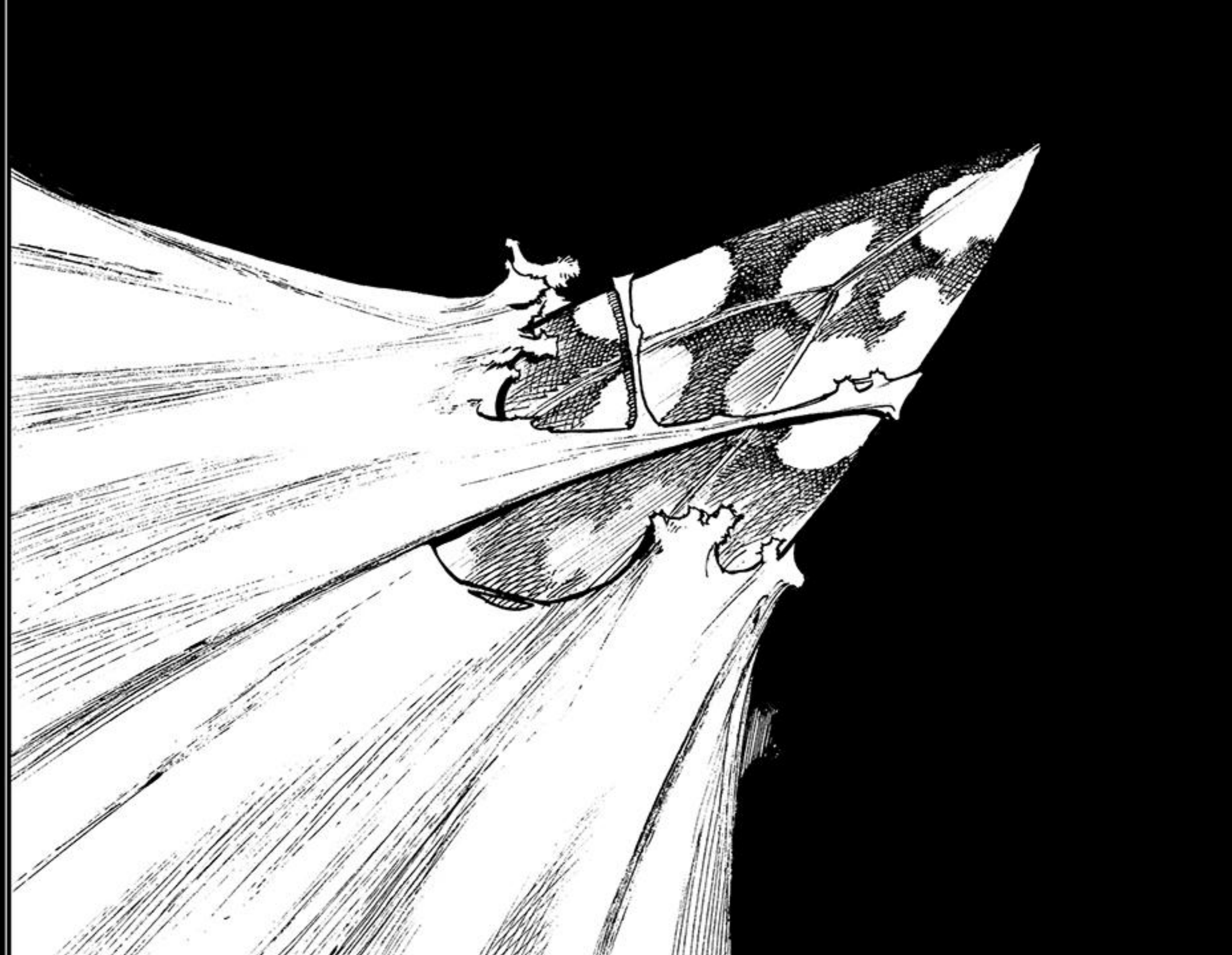
IT WAS BEAUTIFUL, WASN'T IT?



WHAT
I DID.

MY ACT...

...OF LOVE.

AND NOW...

BUT THIS WILL MAKE MY BOND WITH RUDO EVEN STRONGER.

THE POOR THING.

SHE'S IN SUCH BAD SHAPE.

NOW, WHAT WILL I DO TO TEASE RUDO NEXT?

I ALMOST GOT HIM WHEN I KILLED REGTO... BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

I'M GONNA KILL—

I NEED TO GET HIM TO BREAK OUT OF THAT SHELL...

I HAVE TO DO IT, FOR LOVE. THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.

I'M GONNA HAVE TO KILL SOME-BODY...

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WHEW...

WHEW...

HUFF

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WHEW...

HUFF

HUFF

GASP

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# CHAPTER 111: FALSE FACE

WHAT? N-NO!!

...DID A FLOWER SPROUT FROM YOUR HEAD...?

WHOOSH

...RU... DO...?

I WAS LOOKING AT YOUR SHOES, AND IT FELL!!

WHAM

UGH!!

SNIFF SNIFF

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SHOES...

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TOUCH

I'M SO GLAD... YOU WOKE UP...

LET'S LEARN HOW TO REACH OUT OUR HANDS TO CONNECT TO OTHERS...

...TO-GETHER.

I KNOW WHEN WE MET IN THE DESERT...A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED.

...THAT I'M REALLY GLAD...

...THAT YOU'RE ALIVE.

BUT IT'S **BECAUSE** OF ALL THAT STUFF...

YOU KNOW...

WHEN YOU HURT PEOPLE, YOU GET PUNISHED FOR IT...

THEN SHE MET YOU, RUDO... AND SHE LEARNED...

AMO FEELS LIKE SHE'S HURT A LOT OF PEOPLE...

...TO GET WHAT SHE WANTED, SHE HURT SO MANY... SO MANY...

SO NOW, AMO THINKS THIS IS PART OF HER PUNISHMENT...

...

BUT...!

I CAN'T STAND THE FEAR THAT I'LL DISAPPEAR AND NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW...

I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE... I CAN'T GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN...

AMO WAS SO HAPPY... YOU CAME FOR HER.

THAT'S WHY...

THANK YOU...

THANK YOU...!

RUDO...

WHO IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE POSSIBLY DONE SUCH A THING?

I AM NOT !!!!

YOU WERE SO INTO EACH OTHER THAT YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ME COMING? *HMMM*, INTERESTING. YOU ARE A RASCAL, RUDO.

*WAAAHH!! TAMSY! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!!*

WHO LOCKED YOU UP IN THAT HORRIBLE PLACE?

IF WE HAVE SOME IDENTIFYING FEATURES...

AMO, MY DEAR.

...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE HELL GUARD TO LOOK FOR THEM.

THE PERSON... WHO LOCKED ME UP... WAS...

...IDENTI-FYING... FEATURES ...

...A LONG-HAIRED...

...IS THAT ALL...?

...! AMO CAN'T REMEM-BER.

SHE RE-MEMBERS EVERY-THING THAT HAP-PENED TO HER...

BUT NOT WHO DID IT... THAT PART IS A BLUR...

...WOM-AN...

THAT MAKES SENSE.

WHAT?

...

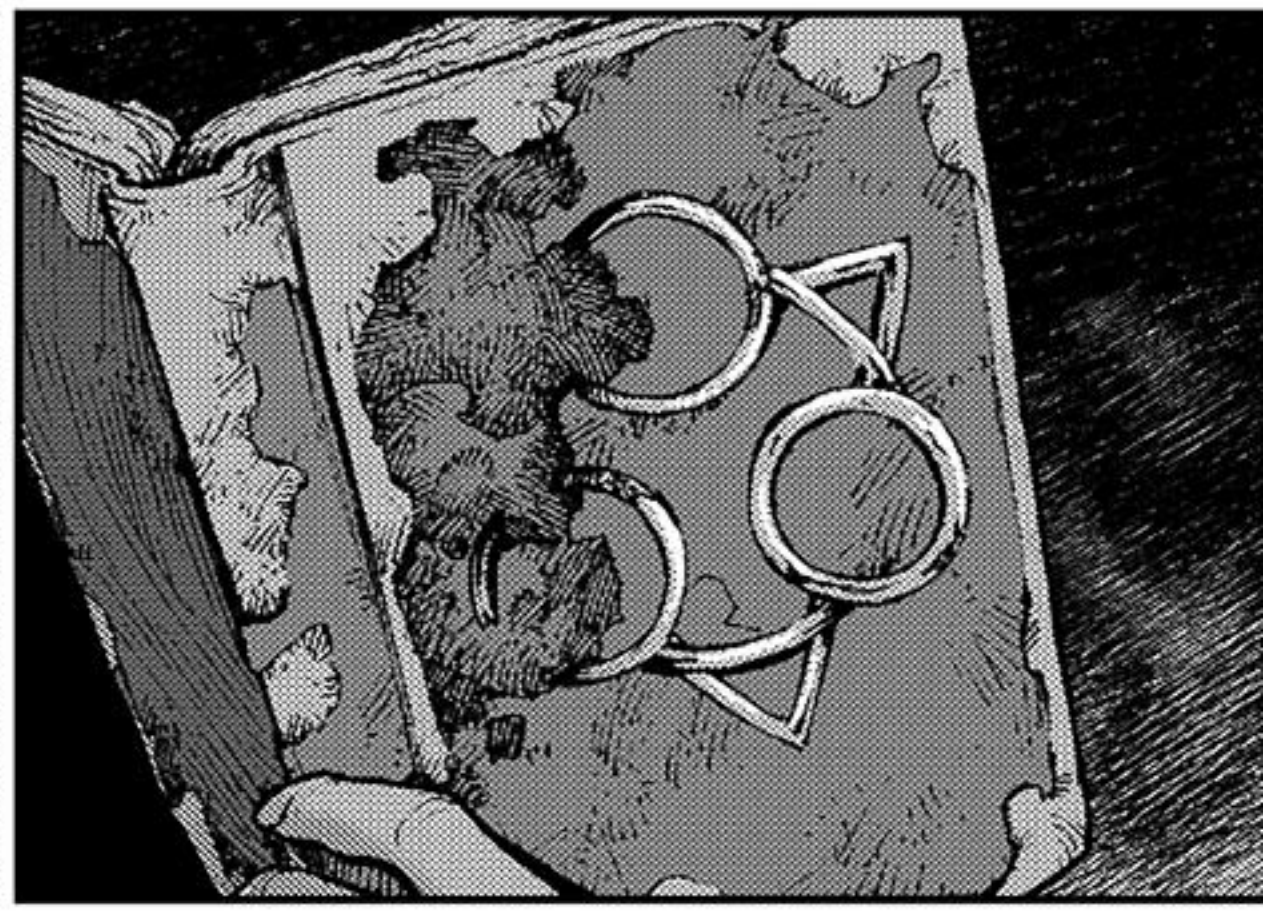
I'M SURE YOU'LL REMEMBER ONCE YOU'VE REGAINED YOUR STRENGTH.

...OKAY ...

POOR AMO. THEY SAY YOUR CAPTOR NEVER GAVE YOU ANYTHING BUT WATER FOR DAYS.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOUR MEMORIES WOULD BE VAGUE.

MMMMMMMM!



STILL, THIS WAS TOO EASY.

I WAS SURE THE INFORMATION BROKER WOULD HAVE TOLD THEM ABOUT ME, TOO.

...ITS REAL NAME ISN'T THAT DORKY.

I MEAN...

I COULDN'T HELP BUT GET MY GUARD UP WHEN I SAW THAT LOOK IN RUDO'S EYES.

COME TO THINK OF IT... YOU GOT TO ASK THE INFORMATION BROKER ABOUT THE WATCHMAN SERIES, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

SFF...

DID THE INFORMATION BROKER KNOW ABOUT ME AND LEAVE THAT BIT OUT?

OR DOES HE ACTUALLY NOT KNOW?

YEAH, I ASKED HIM WHERE TO FIND THE PERSON WHO MADE THE CHOKERS...

BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW.

RIYO EVEN GOT IN-JURED...

BUT YOU PAID THE PRICE, DIDN'T YOU?! YOU WORKED HARD FOR THAT INTEL!

WHAT ?!

OH, MAN... I BET RUDO WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THAT...

THAT FACE ...

AS A LIAR, I KNOW THAT FACE VERY WELL.

IT'S THE FACE OF SOMEONE LYING TO ME.

HE HAS HEARD SOME-THING, HASN'T HE?

HE HAS...

...HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT ME, HASN'T HE?

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# CHAPTER 112: UNBOXING

THE MOMENT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. UNBOXING THE GOODS.

...OKAY, THEN.

WHY AM I DOING THE TALKING?

WAIT.

YOU ASK HIM.

OH!

...

RUDO IS ASKING YOU FOR TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION

TWO DAYS AGO

CLEAN-ERS SOUTH BRANCH

PLEASE ME TELL WHERE TO FIND...

THE PERSON WHO MADE THE OK—

...FIRST, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT I ASKED YOU AT THE BEGINNING: WHERE TO FIND THE PERSON WHO MADE THE CHOKERS.

THAT WAY I CAN FIND OUT IF THEY'RE USING PART OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE CLUES TO GETTING ACROSS THE BORDER.

AND WHEN WE FIND THEM...

...WE CAN ASK IF THEY CAN TRACE AMO'S CHOKER. THAT'S WHY I DECIDED ON THIS QUESTION.

BOSS DID TELL YOU TO NARROW IT DOWN TO ONE, AFTER ALL.

I THINK HE DID A GREAT JOB OF NAILING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, DON'T YOU?

IN EXCHANGE FOR PLAYING ALONG WITH YOUR LITTLE SCHEME...

...YOU'LL GIVE ME ANOTHER PIECE OF INFORMATION.

FOR MY SECOND QUESTION...

YOU'LL TELL ME WHERE AMO IS.

DUDE, YOU MANAGED TO DRAG THE RIGHT TO ANOTHER PIECE OF INTEL OUT OF HIM, AND YOU GO WITH THAT?

I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA ASK THE CHOKER GUY ABOUT AMO.

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IF I CAN GET TWO ANSWERS, THEN I REFUSE TO MISS MY CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT AMO.

UUUUUUGH.

I ADMIRE YOUR DECISION, RUDO.

LOVE-LY.

THEN SHALL WE BEGIN WITH AMO?

FSH

FSH

LET'S SEE...

THAT'S BY THE TOWN WHERE WE WENT SHOPPING FOR GET-WELL GIFTS FOR ZANKA.

...

THAT'S...

IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

RIP

SFF

...IS WHERE AMO IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE.

YES, THAT...

HELD CAPTIVE ??

BY WHO ??

ASK ANY MORE QUESTIONS AND I'LL NEED TO COLLECT ANOTHER PAYMENT.

AH- AH-AH. CAREFUL, RUDO.

TMP

THAT'S AS FAR AS I CAN TELL YOU... HOWEVER...

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WELL, YEAH, BE- CAUSE ...

CLATTER

YOU DISTINCTLY ASKED TO KNOW WHERE AMO IS.

FOR THE REST, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWER YOURSELF.

...IS A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA, FROM ME TO YOU.

SQUISH

SQUISH

I THREW IN THE WORDS "HELD CAP- TIVE."

THAT ...

...NO, I MIGHT GET SOMEONE HURT AGAIN. LIKE RIYO...

...

I CAN PAY YOUR STUPID PRICE IF...

GH!

HGRGH!!

I SEE YOU CAN KEEP YOUR COOL WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARE AT STAKE. VERY WISE.

THMP

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WHAT.

AHEM.

LET'S SEE. THE NEXT QUES-TION...

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD MAINTAIN THAT COOL DEMEANOR.

KRIK

YOU ALL WORKED VERY HARD TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THIS.

...YOU WANTED INFORMATION ON THE CHOKER MAKER.

THE PERSON WHO CREATED THE CHOKERS...

SFF

WELL, I DON'T HAVE IT.

KA-FWAM

MORON!

JERK-FACE

IDI-OTIC

STU-PID

YOU

RUDO, NO!

QUACK!

CON ARTIST!

FREAKIN' TURD-FACE!!!

DON'T GIVE ME THAT GARBAGE!!! YOU COULD HAVE LED WITH THAT, YOU ROTTEN LOUSY TURDFACE!

CALM DOWN!! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT DON'T HIT HIM!!

FOLLO

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!! I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW!!

YOU DON'T **HAVE** IT?! YOU DON'T HAVE IT?! THAT MEANS YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!!!

RIYO HAD TO GET SERIOUSLY INJURED JUST SO YOU COULD FIND OUT WHAT WAS IN THAT BOX?!!!

I DO FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS, BELIEVE ME!!

...?

WAS IT ALL SOME STUPID POINTLESS GAME ?!!!

THEN WHAT WAS ANY OF THAT FOR?!!!

...

SO YOU DID GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT!

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BESIDES, YOU GOT TO SEE YOUR ANCESTOR'S WILL.

I CAN'T ANYMORE! I'M GONNA POUND HIM!

SFF

FLIP
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WAIT, THIS IS...

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THE CHOKER MAKER IS AN EXPERT AT HIDING INFORMATION.

DO FORGIVE ME.

ONLY FALSE INFORMATION EVER REACHES MY EARS.

HOW DARE YOU JUST—

RUDO.

LEAVE HIM?!! HOW CAN YOU EVEN **SAY** THAT?! AFTER ALL THE CRAP THAT GUY PULLED—

?!

YANK

THAT'S JUST HOW THIS GUY IS. LEAVE HIM.

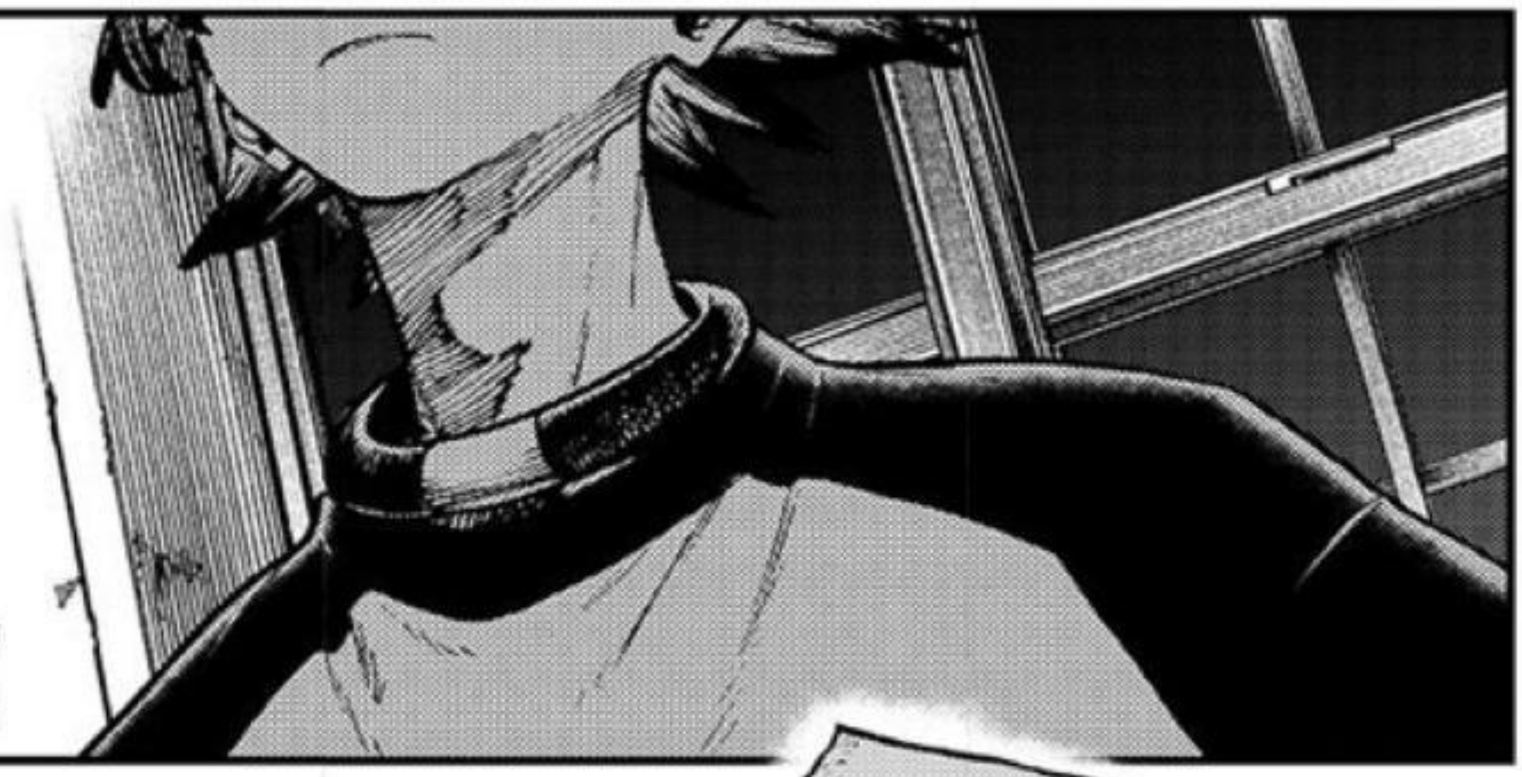
NOW, NOW.

FIP

LET'S GO VISIT RIYO AND THEN WE CAN GO SAVE AMO.

HAVE SOME CANDY AND SETTLE DOWN.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER MUST NEVER BE SPOKEN OUT LOUD.



THE CHOKER MAKER LISTENS TO OUR VOICES.

GO THERE AND LOOK FOR THE WHITE CROW.

IN TWO WEEKS, SOUTH WARD WILL BE HOLDING ITS DOLL FESTIVAL.

BUT IF THE CHOKER MAKER CATCHES WIND OF THIS, YOUR TARGET WILL ESCAPE.

THE CROW WILL LEAD YOU TO SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER.

NOT EVEN YOUR FELLOW CLEANERS.

SO TELL NO ONE.

...THE

CHOKER MAKER... SERI-OUSLY... HE'S SUCH A TURD.

THE INFORMATION BROKER SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW... WHERE TO FIND THE CHO...

I'M SORRY, TAMSY...!!

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE ME TO KNOW YOU'RE LYING, RUDO.